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**To:** Connecticut Education Committee

**From:** David Gusitsch

**Re:** H.B. No. 5467 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RED RIBBON PASS PROGRAM

**Date:** February 29, 2016

Greetings members of the Connecticut Education Committee,

I am writing in support of the proposed H.B. No. 5467 - An Act Establishing a Red Ribbon PASS Program. The data, research and evidence surrounding positive results from incorporating movement into the daily educational experience for students is irrefutable. Schools or districts who are making a concerted effort to provide these opportunities before, during and after school, in the best interest of children, should be recognized.

We have seen the impact that movement opportunities have on students first hand. Through the use of kinesthetic tables, brain boosts, and educating staff and parents, several schools at our elementary level have made the incorporation of movement part of their daily teaching practice. At the secondary level, our program has offered a Learning Readiness Physical Education program for four years now. At all levels, a comprehensive quality Physical Education program is also part of this winning combination for students.

Thank you for considering H.B. No. 5467. I truly believe this is in the spirit of what is in the best interest of students now and into the future.

Sincerely,

David M. Gusitsch

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